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Mr. Howatt....I am writing this to protest the lack of health awareness concerns, within the discussion of the development of the Power Providers.

Delaware's population has dramatically increased over the past decade, in proportions higher than anyone expected. It would follow that the need for power, would increase as well. Add to that the summer tourist season, and the need for power during the summer months, and the need for power, water, and waste water management, increases exponentially.

These facts are not disputeable. increases in power costs, have exceeded anyone's expectations, deregulation, notwithstanding. (that is another separate concern) While, that may be the case...the consideration of an upgrade in power production must also take into consideration, the reduction of toxic emissions from its smoke stacks.

I find it amazing, that the technology to increase the availability of power resources and the technology to reduce emmissions is concurrently available. That being said...it is also amazing that these two technologies are also not used concurrently. I think it is certain...that the long term costs to the company in terms of the implementation of these technologies, will be nominal...but the long term effects of the use of these technologies, which will have a direct impact upon the health of infants, and children, would be positively skewed downward, in terms of health costs/benefits. In other words...the health of infants and children will be improved... health costs will be exponentially lowered. The physiology of the brain and its capacity to function is dependent upon clean air and water. The dulling of America, is related to the increase in the toxicity, levels which inhibit learning capabilities. That is as serious, as it gets. Without a population capable of reading its own high school diplomas, tomorrows technological advancements are in peril. A far reach you say? If so, you have an impoverished knowledge of cellular biology. The latter concept is not so far at all.

Corporations have a moral obligation, to not foul where they live. They do not have the right to poison people. They do not have the right to cause death or illness, or the financial destitution these would cause. The public pays for the service, and expects to

be rewarded, not only with efficient service, but in so doing, be assured, that their children will not be the unwitting victims of the long term effects of toxic emissions. There is no doubt in my mind that the power companies are aware of what they are belching into the air on a daily basis. There is no doubt in my mind that they know the toxic limits and effects of those emissions. There is not doubt in my mind, that the State also is aware of these toxic emissions and how they foul the air and leach into the water system. The premeditation therefore, ... or the awareness without remediation can be construed as a serious crime against the population. You, sir, have the tools, the laws, the science , the technology to stop it. How could you not? How could you not????